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## **Defeats Tied To Medicare Opposition**

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The National Council of Senior Citizens said yesterday that opposition to Federal medical care for the aged played a key role in the defeat of several candidates in Tuesday's elections.

"The American Medical Association is trying to cover up its defeat on the issue" by saying it was not significant in the elections, Dr. Blue Carstenson of the council said in a statement.

He said several "AMA supporters" such as Sens. Homer Capehart (R-Ind.) and Alexander Wiley (R-Wis.), went down to defeat while "the darling of the AMA, Rep. Walter Judd (R-Minn.) was beaten by "pro-Medicare candidate," Donald Fraser.

Other anti-Medicare candidates came close to defeat, Carstenson said. He mentioned Rep. William E. Miller (R-N.Y.), who "had his margin of victory reduced 80 per cent over 1960."

On the other hand, the council spokesman said, Sen. Jacob K. Javits, (R-N.Y.), who won with the largest margin of any candidate in the country, "got an added boost" when his Democratic opponent, James B. Donovan, came out against Medicare.

The biggest upset was scored in Indiana, Carstenson said, "when retirees called upon younger workers in the industrial centers to help them defeat" Capehart while his Democratic opponent, Birch Bayh Jr., campaigned hard on Medicare.

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